(e) whether there is no monitoring done of such facilities by the Civil Aviation authorities; and

(f) the steps proposed to improve such facilities for passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) manages 5 international, 87 domestic airports and 28 civil enclaves in the country.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Regular monitoring of these facilities is done by the Airport-in-Charges on round the clock basis besides surprise inspection by senior airport officials and Officers from head quarters.

Monitoring of various airport services and complaints, if any received from public, are reviewed and discussed in the Airport Coordination Committee meetings at respective international airports.

Keeping in view the growth in traffic, AAI has planned for additional bus services from Airports to City centres and major Hotels.

Increase in International traffic from Delhi

5942. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International traffic from Delhi is increasing at a fast speed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Delhi airport needs extension of runways, expansion of air cargo complex, capacity to handle 20 million passengers and ever expanding cargo;

(c) whether Government have drawn up any plan to meet these urgent requirements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) While the international cargo traffic at Indira Gandhi International Airport has increased at a faster rate, it is not so in case of international passenger traffic.

(b) to (d) While the runways and both the international and domestic terminals are sufficient to cater to the present traffic demand, Airports Authority of India has plans to expand and modernise air cargo complex.

Theft at ITD duty free shops at Goa Airport

5943. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of theft on two occasions at ITDC owned duty free shops at Goa Airport despite strong police security at the Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government would ask the CBI to book the conspirators; and

(c) how many such cases are there where duty free shops of ITDC were duped in this fashion?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two cases of theft occured at ITDC Duty Free Shop located at Goa Airport. The details of theft cases are:

Date of Theft	Paritculars of Theft	Value of Theft
		Rs.
7.8.94 (Night)	40 bottles of liquor and 37 bottles of perfumes	40,000/- (CIF value)
2.4.95 (Night)	Foreign Currency	Rs. 54,000/-

Both these cases are under investigation by the local police. Further necessary action would be taken on receipt of the report/findings of the police.

(c) No such case has occurred at any other Duty Free Shop being operated by ITDC at International Airports.

Air India's share of International traffic

5944. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was Air India's share of international traffic originating from India during 1990. 1991 and 1993;

(b) whether the share has come down drastically:

(c) if so. the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve Air India's share of international traffic?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) While there has been no significant decrease in Air India's passengers carriage to/from India, its market share came down from 24.5 per cent in 1990 to 20.4 per cent in 1993. Main reasons for fall in market share are enhanced level of operations by foreign carriers and intense competition.

(d) Air India is taking steps to face the competition by improving its product image and on time performance.

Steps to attract foreign tourists

5945. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to reveal the country's famous fairs, its festivals, grand bazars and religious places in the foreign countries to attract foreign tourists in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) steps currently being taken by Government to attract foreign tourists in the country with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Promotion of India's various attractions including the fairs, exhibitions, shopping and religious attractions, is an ongoing activity of the Deptt. of Tourism. The Deptt. of Tourism undertakes promotional activities in the overseas markets, which include publicity campaigns in the print and electronic media, participating in international travel marts, fairs and exhibitions, seminars, India evenings, travel workshops, etc. and extending hospitality to media and travel-related persons to familiarise them with the Indian tourism product.